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## Top tips for travel in USA on America holidays

America holidays can be one of the most exciting experiences of your life - after all, the country is so vast and there is so much to see and do that you are sure to find it is the trip of a lifetime.

However, in order to travel in USA states and enjoy your time there, you must keep several important things in mind.

If you are setting off to the USA as a citizen of the UK then you are a member of one of 36 countries that fall under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). This means that you can visit America for either a holiday or for business purposes without first obtaining a visa, providing it is for a period of 90 days or less.

While you can still apply for a visa if you would like to, the reason for VWP is to make it easier for you to take a trip to this fantastic country as a tourist, even if you have booked a last-minute break.

But there is one important thing to remember - at least 72 hours before you are due to travel you must apply for Electronic System for Travel Authorization. This is valid for a duration of two years or until your current passport expires and will cost a small sum that is payable by credit or debit card. You should also keep in mind that there are certain eligibility requirements you must meet under VWP and a criminal record - unless it was for a relatively small misdemeanour, such as traffic crime - may mean you are unable to obtain this. You can speak to your nearest US embassy if you wish to find out how this will affect you.

Once your application has been approved, your holiday can truly begin and you will have the peace of mind that you can travel around this great country without worrying.

However, there are a few other things to consider when you are planning your American adventure, not least where exactly you will visit. The USA is a vast country, with 48 mainland states to explore, as well as Alaska and Hawaii. In fact, these two states are a prime example of just how much America differs from region to region - meaning you can have absolutely any holiday you would like when you visit.

If spending the day visiting theme parks sounds like your idea of a good time then Florida is the ideal destination. However, if you imagine spending time lying on a beach and sunning yourself then head to San Diego in California. In the same state you will find Yosemite - a spectacular national park that is home to an abundance of wildlife and towering giant redwood trees, making it perfect for camping and hiking. Alternatively, you may dream of spending your holiday soaking up the culture and shopping in the Big Apple, having a flutter and taking in a show in Las Vegas or going celebrity-spotting in Los Angeles - whatever you are hoping to experience on your trip, there will be somewhere that caters for you.

But it may be that you don't want to have to make a choice between destinations - after all every state has so much to offer! If this is the case then a tour is the perfect holiday. By booking a trek across the country you can take in some of the most famous sites in the States, making sure that absolutely nothing is missed out.

In just over 60 days on a specialist tour of America, you could take in cosmopolitan New York and Washington DC before heading to the Carolinas and historic Charleston and St Augustine. And this is only the start! Next, you could find yourself following the sun to Miami before heading to the glamorous Florida Keys and on to the fun and theme parks of Orlando.



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From there it's off to Panama Beach to try your skills at windsurfing, before paying a visit to lively New Orleans, followed by a few days in the land of the cowboy, Texas. Your next adventure could see you broadening your knowledge of geology with a visit to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park - home to the largest cave systems in the world - before chilling out in Mesa Verde and Santa Fe - where you must make time to visit nearby Roswell and indulge in a little alien-spotting.

And you're still only half way - during the rest of your trip you could find yourself visiting the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, the spectacular Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Bryce Canyon and Zion national parks, San Diego, LA, up the Pacific coast to Yosemite and on to San Francisco. Next you will travel north to Oregon and Seattle and through to Canada, where you will be able to take in Vancouver and British Columbia.

You can also expect to pay a visit to Yellowstone National Park, South Dakota, Chicago, Ohio, Niagara Falls and back to where you started in New York. Travelling to America in this way will truly be the trip of a lifetime!

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